

RACIAL PROFILING DATA/2001

Agency: Brentwood Police Dept.

Population: 6,357

age 16 and over

KEY INDICATORS	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Stops	5122	4283	622	51	107	6	
Searches	233	157	73	1	1	0	
Arrests	209	136	72	1	0	0	
Statewide population %	N/A	85.24	10.25	1.85	1.17	0.41	1.08
Local population %	N/A	92.07	1.73	1.62	3.48	0.19	
Disparity index	N/A	0.91	7.02	0.61	0.60	0.62	
Search rate	4.55	3.67	11.74	1.96	0.93	0.00	
Contraband hit rate	16.74	19.75	10.96	0.00	0.00	#Error	
Arrest rate	4.08	3.18	11.58	1.96	0.00	0.00	

Notes: Population figures are from the 2000 Census for persons 16 years of age and older who designated a single race. Hispanics may be of any race. Other includes persons of mixed race and unknown race.

Disparity index = (proportion of stops / proportion of population). A value of 1 represents no disparity; values greater than 1 indicate over-representation, values less than 1 indicate under-representation.

Search rate = (searches / stops) X 100.

Contraband hit rate = (searches with contraband found / total searches) X 100.

Arrest rate = (arrests / stops) X 100.

#Error indicates zero denominator.

TRAFFIC STOP STATS		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Violation leading to stop	Moving	3292	2838	319	32	74	1	
	Equipment	758	615	114	7	11	4	
	License	1314	1002	254	14	24	1	
Stop outcome	Citation	3437	2793	501	35	70	3	
	Warning	2127	1844	203	17	40	3	
Location of stop	Interstate hwy	71	53	11	1	3	0	
	US hwy	112	93	15	0	4	0	
	State hwy	696	575	93	13	12	0	
	County road	2089	1707	290	15	52	3	
	City street	2010	1754	177	22	34	3	
	Other	144	101	36	0	2	0	
Driver gender	Male	3143	2599	393	41	62	5	
	Female	1979	1684	229	10	45	1	
Driver age	17 and under	254	221	26	2	5	0	
	18-29	2120	1729	280	25	51	5	
	30-39	1325	1131	142	8	31	1	
	40 and over	1423	1202	174	16	20	0	

SEARCH STATS		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Probable cause/ authority to search	Consent	46	42	4	0	0	0	
	Inventory	59	41	16	0	0	0	
	Drug/alcohol odor	30	25	5	0	0	0	
	Incident to arrest	157	95	60	1	1	0	
	Plain view contraband	24	21	3	0	0	0	
	Reasonable suspicion-weapon	13	12	1	0	0	0	
	Drug-dog alert	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Other	5	3	2	0	0	0	
What searched	Driver	208	138	67	1	1	0	
	Car/property	204	147	54	1	1	0	
Search duration	0-15 minutes	211	139	71	0	1	0	
	16-30 minutes	17	14	1	1	0	0	
	31+ minutes	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Contra-band found	Drugs/alcohol	24	21	3	0	0	0	
	Currency	1	0	1	0	0	0	
	Weapon	2	2	0	0	0	0	
	Stolen property	1	0	1	0	0	0	
	Other	14	11	3	0	0	0	
Arrest charge	Outstanding warrant	128	71	55	0	1	0	
	Drug violation	9	8	1	0	0	0	
	Resist arrest	3	1	2	0	0	0	
	Offense against person	1	1	0	0	0	0	
	DWI/BAC	43	38	5	0	0	0	
	Property offense	2	2	0	0	0	0	
	Other	72	37	34	1	0	0	

Agency response

I'd like to continue my objection to the method used to calculate the disparity index based only on our city's Afro-American population, which is 1.98%, or 123 individuals. This method creates a characterization by way of inference that my department is discriminating, and that is totally untrue. The percentage of Afro Americans stopped was 12.1% of the total number of individuals stopped, and this percentage in our opinion is well under the percentage of black citizens who shop, work and travel through our city. The city of Brentwood is located three miles west of the city of St. Louis and two miles south of Clayton, the county seat. The city's static population is approximately 7,693; however, it swells to approximately 35,000 during the daytime, due to 780 business establishments, three large shopping centers and two industrial parks. The city is also the major crossroads between the county seat and the city of St. Louis. Major highways and county arterial roads in the city are some of the most heavily traveled commuter routes in the metropolitan area. We strongly believe that all the facts and circumstances must be taken into account before any conclusions or inferences can be drawn from the racial profiling report. Also, I'd like to encourage your office to work towards a better and more accurate method of measuring racial profiling. The present method sends the wrong information to our black citizens and harms the relationship between them and law enforcement.